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1. WE APPRECIATE DEPTH AND INTENSITY OF MISSION CORRIDOR
WORK AND REPORTING ON LTDP.

2. EWG MEETING SEPT 19. WE THINK AGENDA FOR EWG MEETING
SEPT 19 (SUMMARY PARA REFTTEL) IS APPROPRIATE, AND AGREE
THAT US REP SHOULD REINFORCE CHAIRMAN ON IMPORTANCE OF
SOLID NATIONAL RESPONSES TO SPECIAL DRC QUESTIONNAIRE.
US REP SHOULD ALSO RAISE QUESTION OF ACTION BY NATO
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AGENCIES AND COMMITTEES, IF THESE ARE NOT FULLY COVERED
BY CHAIRMAN. FYI. "BUCK-UP" EFFORT SHOULD NOT BE A
"BEAT-UP ON NATIONS" EFFORT; RATHER, IT SHOULD BE A
TOTAL EWG MANAGERIAL EFFORT COVERING ALL AREAS, INCLUDING
NATIONAL PARTICIPATION. END FYI.

3. PETRIGNANI'S ROLE IN LTDP IMPLEMENTATION. WE STRONGLY

SUPPORT THE CONTINUING ACTIVE ROLE BY PETRIGNANI AS LUNS' SENIOR ASSISTANT IN ENCOURAGING AND COORDINATING ACTION AT NATO HEADQUARTERS ON NATO DEFENSE AFFAIRS. MISSION EFFORTS TO ENCOURAGE PETRIGNANI IN THIS ROLE HAVE BEEN MOST HELPFUL

AND SHOULD BE CONTINUED. WE AGREE FULLY THAT, WHEREVER POSSIBLE, PETRIGNANI SHOULD PREPARE INITIATIVES, AS EWG CHAIRMAN, AND THAT MISSION SHOULD CONTINUE TO ASSIST HIM IN LAYING OUT INITIATIVES FOR POSSIBLE ADVANCE CONSULTATION BY PETRIGNANI WITH OTHER DELEGATIONS AND SENIOR INTERNATIONAL OFFICERS.

4. EWG ROLE IN LTDP IMPLEMENTATION. THE EWG SERVES AS THE STEERING COMMITTEE FOR DPC PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LTDP. REF YOUR COMMENT, PARA 7 REFTL, WE TAKE THE TERM "EXECUTIVE" TO DENOTE THE FUNCTION OF EXECUTING OR CARRYING OUT DIRECTIVES, RATHER THAN REFERRING TO THE LEVEL OF NATIONAL REPRESENTATION, SINCE NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES IN MOST CASES DO NOT COME FROM CAPITALS. WE SEE EWG'S PRIMARY FUNCTION AS OVERSEEING THE GENERAL MANAGEMENT OF THE LTDP AND THE ASSESSMENT -- HOPEFULLY WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF MONITORS -- OF THE PROGRESS AND PROBLEMS OF EACH OF THE NINE PROGRAMS. EWG SHOULD BE A FORUM FOR DETERMINING WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE IN OVERALL PROGRAM MANAGEMENT, RATHER THAN AN ARENA FOR DETAILED DISCUSSIONS OF WHAT

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NATIONS ARE DOING OR NOT DOING, (WHICH WOULD BE MORE APPROPRIATE FOR DRC REVIEW OF NATIONAL RESPONSES TO THE SPECIAL QUESTIONNAIRE).

(THE EWG IS OF COURSE NOT A PROGRAM ACTION AGENCY, SINCE ALL PROGRAMS HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED TO EITHER NATIONS (FOR REPORT IN DRC) OR TO OTHER NATO COMMITTEES OR AGENCIES.) WE HOPE THAT PETRIGNANI, IN MOVING THE LTDP FORWARD, CAN BRING NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES IN THE EWG TO ADOPT A COLLECTIVE (STAFF) RESPONSIBILITY FOR LTDP MANAGEMENT, AND THUS DEVELOP A BROAD BASE OF SUPPORT IN EACH COUNTRY FOR THE LTDP.

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